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Kitchloo et al.

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For:

Infusion of Dye Using a Plasticizer

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2002, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 19 and 41.

Please amend the following claims:

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17. (Twice Amended) A method of infusing a dye into a surface of an optical plastic article having a solubility parameter δ , comprising the steps of:

dissolving a dye and a plasticizer into an aggressive solvent having a solubility parameter δ within plus or minus 1 (cal/cm³)^{0.5} of the solubility parameter δ of the optical plastic article to form a solution; and

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